

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF KEROSENE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the per capita availability of kerosene in each State as on date;
- (b) whether the availability of kerosene in all the States is as per National Average ;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to fill the gap?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d): The State/Union Territory-wise (UTs) details of per capita allocation of kerosene for distribution under Public Distribution System (PDS) during the current year, in 2006-07 are given in the Annex.

Government of India is allocating kerosene to States/UTs based on historical basis and the per capita allocation in case of some States is less than the National Average.

In view of requests received from various State Governments for increasing the SKO allocation, the Government of India commissioned a detailed study of Kerosene demand in the country, through the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) in December 2004. NCAER submitted its report in October 2005 and has inter alia recommended to rationalize kerosene allocation among the States. The recommendations of NCAER are under consideration of the Government of India.